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FROM :   
Chief, Requirements & Evaluation  
Staff, NFAC

SUBJECT : CIA and the NIO for Warning

1. You have been designated by your directorate to serve as focal points or referents in support of the National Intelligence Warning System. The background for this was the Director's recent decision to establish the position of NIO for Warning and his appointment of Richard Lehman to that position. These details were covered in a recent Note From the Director.

2. The CIA support and connections to the NIO for Warning are expected to be uncomplicated even though the following brief description of the still evolving concept may appear otherwise. The National Intelligence Warning System concept calls for the CIA to have both procedural and substantive channels to the NIO for Warning. The substance channel for intelligence information and analysis concerning warning will be through the regional and functional NIOs, under the direction of the NIO for Warning, and thence into the National Intelligence Warning System. The procedural channel to the System and the NIO for Warning will be through a newly established Warning Working Group. My immediate responsibility is to represent you on the Working Group. Some details on these two points, and the concept in general, are contained in the attached draft version of DCID 1/5.

3. Please review the three attached documents and provide your comments and suggestions.

- The memorandum summarizing the last Working Group meeting alerts you to future agenda items such as reviewing the draft DCID 1/5, reviewing the Collection Tasking Staff's proposal for warning activities, etc.

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- The Collection Tasking Staff proposal.
- The draft DCID 1/5.

4. Your suggestions on those items will be appreciated. The Warning Working Group will meet each Friday for the next few weeks and your suggestions are welcome at any time.

Attachments:  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD


SUBJECT: Meeting of the Warning Working Group

1. The Warning Working Group held its third meeting on 20 October. The meeting was devoted to detailed reworking of a new draft DCID 1/5 (attached). Agreement was apparently reached on specific language and the Chairman agreed to provide another draft to the group at the next meeting. The OSD representative, however, reasserted his position on the location of the NIO.

2. It was agreed that the goals should be issuance of a new DCID through the formal DCID machinery, but that formal action by NFIB should be delayed at least until December, allowing time for review of the status of SWS.

3. In addition to review of the revised draft, the next meeting will include discussion of means of conducting the SWS review and the paper submitted by the Collection Tasking Staff on its relationship to the Working Group.

4. For further agendas, the Chairman suggested a review of the first round of NIO meetings, the NIT on warning, and the revival of the Alert Memorandum. He agreed to recover and distribute to the group prior documentation on the Alert Memorandum, NSAM 226, and the memoranda produced by the NIOs.

  
Richard Lehman  
National Intelligence Officer  
for Warning

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(STAFF)  
Collection Tasking Relationship  
with the I&W Working Group

CTS should inform the Working Group of any areas or situations where we perceive a potential crisis. CTS should also be prepared to provide the following to the Working Group with regard to any area or situation engaging its attention:

1. Status of collection
2. Options for changing collection
3. Information on trade-offs or costs
4. Vulnerability of collection systems
5. Timeliness of collection
6. Potential reaction to collection changes
7. Information as to volume of intelligence to be made available
8. Level of confidence in collection

For its part, the Working Group could:

1. Provide CTS (OCE) its evaluation of the I&W value of collection systems
2. Suggest potential crisis areas or situations for CTS attention
3. Recommend that CTS alter collection
4. Request CTS assistance in expediting dissemination of intelligence

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